

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS SHEET

#### THE 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER MISSION AWARENESS SUNDAY 5 May 2019

We extend a warm welcome to our guests! We invite you to sign the guest book at the back of the sanctuary.

Everyone is invited to remain for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Church Hall (downstairs) following the service. We thank **Pat Mullins** for hosting today.

Today's scripture readings will be read by **Mardine Garnham**.

**Scripture Readings** - The scripture readings for today's service are

- Acts 5:27-32 (p. 154 - Blue Bible)
- Psalm 118:14-29 (**responsive** - p. 611 - Blue Bible)
- Revelation 1:4-8 (p.312 - Blue Bible)
- John 20:19-31 (p. 145 - Blue Bible)

#### **This Week in First Church:**

- Today, 5 p.m. - Spring Dinner
- Tuesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study at Gwen Henwood's home
- Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. - Women's Missionary Society (WMS) will meet

#### **Coming Up:**

- Sunday, 12 May - Deadline for submissions for the June Newsletter
- Sunday, 2 June - Communion Sunday
- Sunday, 9 June - Outdoor Service and Barbecue at the Sneesbys'

## **In Gladstone Hospital - Jean McBurney**

**Mission Awareness Sunday** - Today has been designated Mission Awareness Sunday. It's an opportunity to draw attention to mission activities in which the Presbyterian Church in Canada is involved. The worship resources for Mission Awareness Sunday have been written by The Rev. Dr. Lynda Reid. Lynda is a retired minister of the Presbyterian Church. For many years she was the education consultant for the Synod of Central, Northeastern Ontario & Bermuda.

The liturgy was written with the help of Katherine Allen. Katherine retired from the WMS after working for 40 years. She still leads at various levels of the Society. Thanks to the members of the WMS of our church, who are leading the service today.

**Women of Mother Earth Network** - A sewing bee will be held at St. Mary's Anglican Church to assist the "Women of Mother Earth Network" in making ceremonial skirts. If anyone has a sewing machine and would like to help with this project, the bee will be held on Monday, May 6th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, with lunch provided. All fabric and notions will be supplied. If more information is required, please contact Agnes Morgan at 239-0382 or 856-3200.

**Reading** - If you would like to take a turn reading the scripture readings on a Sunday in May or June, please sign up on the **blue sheet** on the music stand at the south entrance. We are hoping to continue having lay people read the scripture readings every Sunday during May and June, while John is away.

**Stewardship Visitation** - Our annual Stewardship Visitation is taking place: the two-week period from Sunday, 28 April to Saturday, 11 May. The Stewardship mailing has already been sent out.

**Prayer Calendars** - Copies of the Prayer Calendar for April are ready to be picked up at the back of the sanctuary. Don't forget your copy!

**Devotional Guide** - Copies of the May-June issue of the devotional guide *Today* are available on the table at the south entrance. Feel free to take one home for your daily devotional reading.

**Spring Dinner** - Our annual Spring Dinner will be held today (5 May), beginning at 5:00 p.m. Enjoy a delicious ham and turkey dinner for \$15 (\$8 for kids aged 7-12; free for kids 6 and under). See the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the Church Hall.

**Inter-Mission** - John began his Inter-Mission on Monday, 29 April. Pulpit supply has been arranged for the eight Sundays that he'll be away — the WMS Group will lead its annual Mission Awareness Sunday service on one Sunday; Charlie Clifford, Keith Kelly, and Raymond Reichelt will all lead two services each; and Henry Hildebrandt (a retired minister living in Brandon) will lead our Communion service on the 2nd of June. John has arranged for a number of ministers to be on "standby" for any pastoral emergencies that may arise while he is away. **If a pastoral need should arise**, please contact Raymond (239-5359) or any other member of the Session, to find out which ministers are available to assist you. John will not be available to do emergency visits or conduct funeral services while he is on his Inter-Mission. The Presbytery has appointed **Minho Yoo** (the minister in Carberry) to be our interim moderator for the time that John is away. John will be back in the office on Monday, 24 June, and will lead the service on Sunday, 30 June, which will also be the first of our joint summer services (since there are only eight Sundays in July and August this year).

**The Announcements Sheet** - If you have any announcements for the weekly announcements sheet, please give or e-mail them to Philip Dunn ([pmdunn@shaw.ca](mailto:pmdunn@shaw.ca)) by the Thursday of that week.

**The Newsletter** - If you have any submissions for the June issue of the Newsletter, please give or e-mail them to Lisa Sneesby ([bsneesby@mymts.net](mailto:bsneesby@mymts.net)) by Sunday, 12 May.

**Summer Service Schedule** - The schedule for our joint services with Trinity and McKenzie United Churches has been drawn up. Services will be held here at First Church the first three Sundays (30 June, and 7 and 14 July), at Trinity Church the next three Sundays (21 and 28 July, and 4 August), and at McKenzie Church the final three Sundays (11, 18, and 25 August). A more detailed schedule will be printed in the June issue of the Newsletter.

**Appeal** - PWS&D is appealing for donations toward the relief effort following Cyclone Idai, which hit parts of **Malawi, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe** recently. Over 2.6 million people are in need of humanitarian aid due to severe flooding. Roads, schools, homes, and crops have been badly damaged, and access to electricity and safe water is limited. Donations can be made through our congregation — just make your cheque payable to our congregation, and mark “Cyclone Idai” on the memo line, as well as the appropriate line on your offering envelope. Alternatively, you can make a donation online, using your credit card, by visiting [www.WeRespond.ca](http://www.WeRespond.ca). Visit the website also for further details on this relief effort.

### **Mission Moment**

#### **An opportunity for joyful giving**

The *Stewards By Design* conference wraps up today after three days of intensive keynote presentations and workshops. The conference focused on connecting stewardship to the mission and ministry of the church and growing generous givers. Led by enthusiastic keynote speaker Dr. Kennon Callahan, participants learned how to nurture faithful giving and abundant living; expand and strengthen their mission and ministry; make generous giving an ongoing, joyful experience; and develop a concrete plan suited for their unique situation. A past participant shared, “The sessions were a true blessing for us all. We learned much and now we have much to teach.”

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